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Bounty for Bravo, Kato raised to P20M

By Nikko Dizon and PDI Mindanao Bureau

THE GOVERNMENT HAS DOUBLED TO P10 million the bounty on each of two leaders of the secessionist Moro Islamic Liberation Front. They stand accused of perpetrating the attacks on several villages in Central Mindanao last month that left 62 civilians dead and displaced

BOUNTY / A10

Chavit named deputy nat'l security adviser

By Michael Lim Ubac

AFTER A YEARLONG ABSENCE FROM the political scene, former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson is back in the corridors of power.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has tapped Singson as deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) under Secretary Norberto Gonzales, a Palace official told the Inquirer last night.

The official, who asked not to be identified because he was not authorized to make the announcement, said the appointment of Singson was signed by Ms Arroyo this week and would be ...

CHAVIT / A10



THEY'RE HERE Big time or not, prolonged US military presence can no longer be denied in Zamboanga City and its environs. They are called "visiting forces," but it sure is becoming a long visit. In this file photo taken last year in Jolo, Sulu, a US security convoy in full battle gear escorts Kristie Kenney, the American ambassador to the Philippines, who came to hand over cash rewards to four informants.

US troops' stay questioned

Inflation hit 12.5% in August

By Michelle V. Remo and Doris C. Dumlao

BUYING A BASKET OF ESSENTIALS would cost much more than it had a year ago, as prices of goods and services consumed by an average Filipino household in August jumped by 12.5 percent from last year, sustaining levels not seen in 17 years.

"Our family really felt the increase in prices of food and transportation," ...

INFLATION / A6



RED HOT RATE Food prices have climbed this year at red-hot rates. That was July. The monthly pace of price hikes has since slowed down. Prices are staying level and fuel price increases have slowed as well.

'Visiting forces' set up camps; no sign of leaving after 6 yrs, say officials

By Julie S. Alipala Inquirer Mindanao and Edson C. Tandoc Jr. in Manila

ZAMBOANGA CITY—THEY ARE SUPPOSED to be only visitors, but after six years they are still around and some local officials are wondering whether they are already part of the Filipino family.

Officially, they are called the "visiting forces" but there has been no sign that American soldiers are leaving anytime soon and the officials are asking why the "visit" seems to have become a permanent deployment.

Vice Mayor Mannix Dalipe says the Arroyo administration and the Philippine military have to explain why American troops are still in Zamboanga City.

"No one is giving us answers," Dalipe said in an interview the other day.

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Among them, he said, were the headquarters of the Joint Special Operations Task Force Philippines (JSOTFP) inside Camp Don Basilio Navarro, an air asset facility inside the Zamboanga City International Airport, a docking area at the ...

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McCain portrays self as 'real agent of change'

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA—EVEN as he claimed its presidential nomination, John McCain did his best to offend his unpopular Republican party Thursday (Friday in Manila), and carved sharp contrasts with Democrat Barack Obama.

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MILITARY OFFICIALS YESTERDAY disputed reports that soldiers had ransacked and looted homes and shops in a barangay ...

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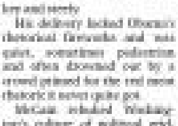
Padaca walks the talk, crutches are symbols

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

SHE HAS WALKED THE talk—despite her disability.

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PADACA / A8



World's richest got even richer last year—report

NEW YORK—THE OLD SAYING holds true: The rich do get richer.

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Sulpicio ship rams Iloilo port

By David Israel Sinay Inquirer Visayas and Riza T. Olchondra in Manila

ILOILO CITY—LESS THAN three months after the ill-fated MV Princess of the Stars sank off Sibuyan Island in Romblon, another ship owned by Sulpicio Lines Inc. figured in an accident on Thursday, damaging portions of a port expansion project here.

The MV Cotabato Princess, bringing a cargo of fruits, vegetables and fish, was about to dock at around 1 p.m. when a strong wave hit the ship causing ...

SULPICIO / A4



THERE IT GOES AGAIN MV Cotabato Princess runs aground damaging an Iloilo port expansion project. It hits 18 piles and a crane boom on Thursday. Damage to the project is estimated at P16 million.

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'Hercules' wreckage spotted

PAF studies ways to raise plane from ocean floor

A US NAVY SHIP SENT to help a search-and-retrieval team hoping to salvage the wreckage of a military transport plane from the ocean floor has pinpointed the location of the plane that crashed two weeks ago, killing 11 persons.

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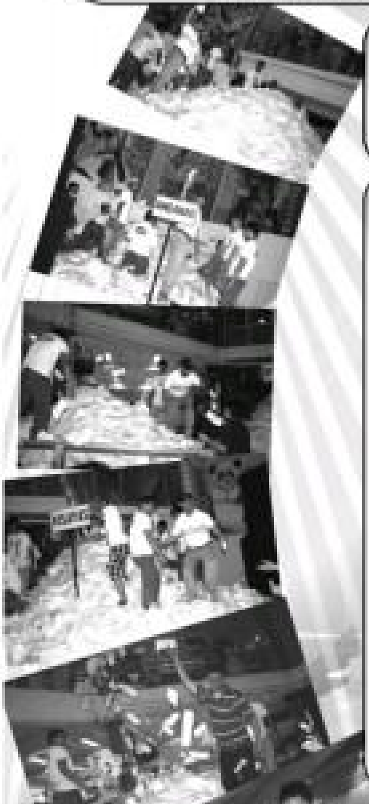
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Retain P500 food subsidy, FAO urges

By TJ Burgonio

THE GOVERNMENT'S P500 MONTHLY subsidy for the poor, denounced by critics as a dole-out, should be institutionalized, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said yesterday.

The poorest people in the country tend to be "disproportionately affected" by the rising food prices, said Barbara Ekwall, the FAO coordinator for the Right to Food unit of the Rome-based United Nations agency.

To help them cope with inflation, the government should increase the poor's access to food, either by providing the food or through cash transfers, "which allow the family to buy the food that they need most immediately," said Ekwall.

Cash is better than food because it gives the poor a choice to buy, say rice or fish, Ekwall told a press briefing at the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC).

"As much as possible food aid should be given in terms of cash, not in kind," she said.

FAO economist Frank Mischler said cash transfer should not be viewed as "charity" but the right of people.

Mischler said the program should be universal, "for all poor elderly, all children of poor households, not only in priority provinces, but everywhere."

P5-billion fund to mitigate hunger

Expanding the government's cash transfer program was among the key recommendations raised by the NAPC, the FAO and the Asia-Pacific Policy Center, during a consultation with several sectors on mitigating hunger in Tagaytay City early this month.

The government last May started a P5-billion welfare subsidy program for the poorest families which would each get a P500 monthly stipend to help them cope with the soaring commodity prices.

Under the program, a family also gets an additional P300 for every child who logs at least 85 percent class attendance in a month. At most, three children per family could avail of this stipend.

The program has been criticized by the Church, militant activists and politicians as engaging in dole-out policy.

Caritas Manila, the social arm of the Archdiocese of Manila, said that the program would perpetuate a dole-out mentality among the poor.

NAPC chair Secretary Domingo Panganiban said the cash-transfer program has so far benefited 140,000 families out of the targeted 321,000 families this year.

PNP to send 1,000 rookies to Mindanao

By Nikko Dizon

THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) is set to deploy 1,000 new police recruits to strife-torn Central Mindanao as part of their "field training program" instead of fielding in police auxiliary units, the PNP spokesperson said yesterday.

"Instead of field training program in more peaceful areas, they will be deployed in conflict areas," Chief Superintendent Nicanor Bartolome said at a media briefing in Camp Crame.

Bartolome said that this was among the "salient" points discussed by Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno and PNP Chief Director General Avelino Razon Jr., at a workshop in Davao City with local government executives and Mindanao-based police unit commanders.

The workshop also identified "areas that need to be hardened, or where defensive postures need to be strengthened to prevent incidents similar to what happened in North Cotabato and Lanao provinces," Bartolome said.

Auxiliary police unit to continue

Mainly, the workshop aimed to have various stakeholders to work together "for a program of having peace in Mindanao and effective ways of returning a climate of peace and stability in the affected regions."

The deployment of the new police recruits will take the place of the implementation of the police auxiliary units, which "will be soon be given less priority," Bartolome said.

"We will still continue with programs on police auxiliaries but because of time needed for recruitment, training and arming, we are initially now building the police recruits," Bartolome said.

Bartolome expressed confidence that the new police recruits, some as young as 21 years old, were already trained enough to be given assignments in areas where there have been fightings and "where the armed members of [MILF] Commanders Kato and Bravo are reportedly entrenching in their effort to evade pursuing troops."

Bartolome said that the new policemen and policewomen already underwent "theoretical training" in law enforcement, investigation, human rights, patrolling and marksmanship.



SM CITY MARIKINA

The 31st supermall of SM opened yesterday in Marikina City where the local government has institutionalized itself to be a most progressive city in Metro Manila. In the ribbon cutting ceremony opening SM City Marikina are (from left) Rep. Marcelino Teodoro, Vice Mayor Marion Andres, Metro Manila Development Authority chair Bayani Fernando, Henry T. Sy, Antipolo Bishop Gabriel Reyes, Felicidad Sy, Mayor Marides Fernando, Rep. Del de Guzman and Herbert Sy.

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OVERSTAYING VISITOR. When the US envoy Kristie Kenney went to visit Jolo in June 2007, she had American soldiers to escort her around.

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GMA plans new peace panel with 'fresh minds'

By Michael Lim Ubac

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"Bar Matter No. 1922 – Re: Recommendation of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) Board to Indicate in All Pleadings Filed with the Courts the Counsel's MCLE Certificate of Compliance or Certificate of Exemption. The Court Resolved to NOTE the:

(a) 1st Indorsement, dated August 26, 2008, of Chief Justice Reynato S. Puno, relative to the letter of Atty. Feliciano M. Bautista, IBP National President and the resolution of the Board of Governors dated August 21, 2008, requesting the Supreme Court to defer or extend the effectivity of the resolution in Bar Matter No. 1922, which makes it mandatory for all lawyers to indicate in all pleadings filed with Courts, their respective MCLE Certificates of Compliance Number or Certificates of Exemption;

(b) Aforesaid Board of Governors Resolution "Requesting the Supreme Court to Defer or Extend the Effectivity of the Resolution in Bar Matter No. 1922 until December 31, 2008; and

(c) Letter-Comment, dated August 22, 2008, of Justice Carolina C. Griño-Aquino, Chairperson, MCLE, in compliance with the resolution of the Court dated August 19, 2008.

The Court further Resolved, upon the recommendation of the MCLE Governing Board to:

(a) GRANT the above request of the IBP Board; and

(b) AMEND the effectivity date of the implementation of Bar Matter No. 1922 to January 1, 2009 instead of August 26, 2008."

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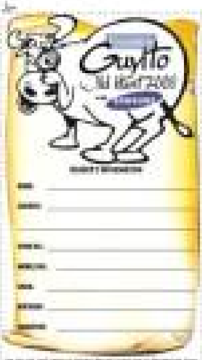
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P50M needed for recall polls

Panlilio lawyer predicts doom for move to unseat governor

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—A MINIMUM OF P50 million will be needed by the Commission on Elections to fund the recall elections being worked out by a group wanting to unseat Pampanga Gov. Eddie Panlilio, and the poll body neither has the money nor the time to do it, the governor's lawyer said on Thursday.

No money, time

Fund search



HOLY MONTH

A Muslim child joins his father and other Muslims during prayers at the mosque in Iloilo City. Muslims are celebrating the holy month of Ramadan during which they observe fasting and abstinence.

Former aide of Among Ed sues gov's top executive

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—A former member of the technical team of Pampanga Gov. Eddie Panlilio filed administrative charges against provincial administrator Vivian Dabu at the Civil Service Commission here on Wednesday.

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AN AERIAL view of Danjugan Island in Barangay Bulata, Cauayan, Negros Occidental

Eagle's home saves an island

By Carla P. Gomez
Bacolod City

ENVIRONMENTALISTS WANTed to save a tree where an eagle had built its nest but ended up doing so much more. They bought the entire island where the tree stands and created a marine and wildlife sanctuary.

Gerry Ledesma, president of the Philippine Reef and Rainforest Conservation Foundation Inc. (PRRCFI), said the Moreno family who owned the Danjugan Island in Barangay Bulata, Cauayan, Negros Occidental, intended to sell the eagle's nest for P40,000. His group decided that the only way to save it and the biodiversity-rich place was to buy it all.

Before 1994, the island had suffered from varying degrees of abuse as venue for several failed business ventures.

A kiln to produce lime and rock phosphate, prawn aquaculture in two of its five lagoons, a coconut plantation on half of its 43 hectares, and the cutting of forest trees for timber were some of the ventures that dismantled Danjugan's wealth, Ledesma said.

Fund raising

So he and the other activist members of the PRRCFI, a nonprofit foundation, launched the Philippine Reef and Rainforest Project. The international fund-raising endeavor aimed to raise P6 million to purchase the 43-hectare uninhabited island.

With the help of the World Land Trust (WLT) and the Coral Cay Conservation Ltd. (CCC) in the United Kingdom, PRRCFI Green Shares were created and sold at £25 or P40 each to pay a bridging loan from the Land Bank of the Philippines.

The fund-raising effort was necessary because there was and still is no such grant window for the purchase of vital conservation sites in the Philippines, Ledesma said.

Although it had a five-year payment period, the bridging loan was paid in three years due to the successful international response to the efforts of the WLT, CCC and PRRCFI, Ledesma said.

Today, Danjugan is estimated to be worth at least P80 million. But its biodiversity is more precious than its material value, Ledesma said.

Visitors and divers have described the island, 150 kilometers south of Bacolod City, as a slice of paradise. Its surrounding clear blue waters are part of the Sulu Sea—the birthplace of the world's corals, according to marine experts. At least 273 species of hard corals in 22 genera and over 500 fish species are found there, Ledesma said.

On land are 72 bird species, including the most magnificent but not threatened White-Breasted Sea Eagle, nine bat species (seven fruit eating and two insect eating), 17 mangrove tree species, and countless other life forms, he said.

Danjugan has seven habitat types—limestone, beach, mangrove forests, rivers, seagrass beds, coral reefs and open sea that is the migration path of some species of whales. It has five lagoons (two open, three inland) and beaches of fine white coral sand or coral rubble after two typhoons hit the area in 1984 and 1987.

The PRRCFI's involvement has subsequently led to the establishment of three marine protected areas in Danjugan, Sipalay and Hinoba-an, Ledesma said.

With the involvement of CCC, he said, foreign volunteers conduct marine research to determine if Danjugan's reefs would qualify it as a marine protected area (MPA).

Many of the CCC volunteers were students of marine biology, environmental science and geography. Some of them have produced masteral and doctoral theses, from data from their research on the island and the adjacent coastal areas in the mainland.

Some science advisers come from prestigious universities in the United Kingdom, such as the University of Newcastle, Edinburgh, Bangor (Wales).

With this scientific collaboration, the fringing reefs became the Danjugan Island Marine Reserve and Sanctuaries on Feb. 9, 2000, the first MPA in Negros Occidental, Ledesma said.

Wish list

Important projects are still on the PRRCFI wish list, Ledesma said. One priority is a terrestrial ecologist to conduct radio-tracking studies on selected wildlife species, such as bats and birds, particularly white-breasted sea eagle fledglings, to determine [illegible] patterns so that conservation projects could be implemented in key areas of the mainland.

To sustain the management and protection of marine reserve, the PRRCFI has opened the island to ecotourism.

Although facilities are spartan with shared [illegible], bathrooms and toilets, Ledesma said it had endured many pampered travelers who keep on returning. "A limited number of visitors of 16 max are accepted to enjoy overnight stays and 24 persons on a day trip," he said.

Danjugan is an excellent natural classroom with its ecosystems and wildlife, Ledesma said.

Today the island paradise, spared from being ravaged by development because of one eagle and its family, is a thriving international environment showcase.



CARLO Ledesma on Turtle Beach in Danjugan Island

Island Creatures

ACCORDING TO the Philippine Reef and Rainforest Conservation Foundation Inc., Danjugan Island hosts:

- 73 bird species, both residents and migrants. A nesting pair of White-breasted Sea eagles (Haliaeetus leucogaster) has been breeding near Typhoon Beach Camp since 1974. Tabon scrub fowls (Megapodius cumingii) are common in the camp, as well as in the 5th Lagoon.
- At least nine bat species (six fruit bats and three insect-eating bats).
- 33 butterfly species. One species [illegible] was recorded for the first time in Negros Occidental.
- 27 species of mangroves.
- 572 fish species from 139 genera. Commercially important species, such as the snapper (Lutjanidae), groupers (Serranidae) and sweetlips (Lethrinidae). Giant Manta Ray (Manta birostris), Napoleon Wrasse (Cheilinus undulatus), and whale sharks (Rhincodon typus).
- 244 scleractinian (hard corals) in the coral reefs.
- 8 species of seagrass (five species of family Potamogetonaceae and three species of family Hydrocharitaceae).
- 74 microalgae species from the Chlorophyta, Phaeophyta and Rhodophyta divisions.
- 23 echinoderm species in intertidal areas belonging to Asteroidea (starfish) 3 spp., Echinoidea (sea urchins) 7 spp., Holothuroidea (sea cucumbers) 5 spp., and Ophiuroidea (brittlestars) 1 sp.
- 37 species of Mollusca [illegible] divisions.
- Commercially important marine invertebrates, such as the giant clams (Tridacna crocea, T. squamosa and Hippopus hippopus). A restocking program for the endangered Tridacna gigas is being implemented in collaboration with the University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute. The T. gigas were obtained from 1974 to 1998.
- Other commercially important invertebrates, such as the abalone (Haliotis asinina) and the spiny lobster (Panulirus spp). The endangered coconut crab (Birgus latro) are still found in the coastal and mangrove forests.
- The western beaches are known nesting sites of the hawksbill (Eretmochelys imbricata) and Green (Chelonia mydas) turtles.
- Dugong and dolphins in the [illegible] waters of Cauayan that is a migration path of whales.

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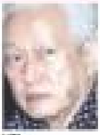
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Manila mayor absolves IA head

But contractor faces several charges for tree-cutting



HARPER



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By Allison W. Lopez

THE MANILA CITY GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY found Intramuros Administration chief Anna Maria "Bambi" Harper not liable for the cutting of several trees at Plaza Roma.

However, the city said it would press charges against the contractor.



Traffic jams expected due to bar exams, Alay Lakad tomorrow

By Tina G. Santos

Oil spill spotted at Manggahan floodway in Pasig

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Thai PM's referendum plan wins little support



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BANGKOK—THAI PRIME Minister Samak Sundaravej found little support on Friday for his proposal to hold a referendum to resolve the stalemate with protesters who have occupied his offices for 11 days.

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Rice sets historic visit to Libya

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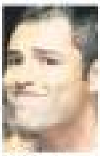
Firebird solo champ in Las Piñas derby



Iran hoops: China rips RP Youth

Trainer woes hound Oscar

Mayweather Sr. to miss bout vs Pacman for Hatton tiff?


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CASTRO: PBA bound after all

Castro's Phone Pals stint assured

So eyes highest RP mark; battles Torre in GM duel

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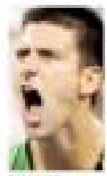
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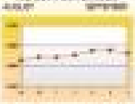
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Beverage giant comes to the rescue of school kids

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao



SMILING schoolchildren hold up their nutrient-laden juice packs, courtesy of Coca-Cola.

IT BARELY SHOULD COME as no surprise that children who get adequate nutrition grow up to be smarter, taller and healthier than those who do not.

This is because the daily dose of vitamins and minerals has a profound effect on how the brain and body develop. A severe lack in one vital nutrient will lead to a host of conditions, including blindness and stunted physical and mental growth.

Iron is one such vital nutrient that affects mental development.

Unfortunately, as many as one of five Filipino children aged 6 to 12 do not have enough of it, according to the 2003 National Nutrition Survey conducted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute of the Department of Science and Technology.

As a result, these children with iron deficiency anemia face the real possibility that they would not do well in school and in life because of their impaired learning capabilities.

The Coca-Cola Company in the Philippines upon seeing these alarming results and decided to contribute to the efforts to reduce the incidence of iron deficiency anemia among Filipino children.

CORPORATE CITIZEN

One of the ways to solve iron deficiency is to fortify the diet, which means adding vitamins and minerals to frequently consumed food.

The beverage giant is in a position to help because, as far as fortification goes, beverages are an ideal vehicle to carry the additional vitamins and minerals. Children love them, thus making it easy to administer the important nutrients.

Maria Cindy Ching-Lim, corporate reputation manager of the Philippine business unit of Coca-Cola, said the company initiated discussions with the FNRI-DOST on the development of an anti-anemia beverage. The result was NutriJuice, an orange juice drink fortified with not just iron, but also zinc, lysine and vitamins A and C.

Lim told the Inquirer that it took two years of research and development before Coca-Cola finally introduced NutriJuice, one of its latest corporate social responsibility projects.

The first thing Coca-Cola and FNRI-DOST had to do was to come up with a beverage that children would actually drink considering that iron can be easily detected, especially among children with sensitive taste buds.

And since they were already working on fortifying the drink with iron, it was easy to add other important vitamins and minerals that did not affect the taste profile. These include zinc, which enhances the immune system, and lysine, which promotes growth.

To test the efficacy of the drink, Coca-Cola and FNRI-DOST conducted in 2006 a pilot study among schoolchildren in [illegible], San Juan who drank a pouch of NutriJuice every day for 120 days.

Data were recorded and, at the end of 120 days, Coca-Cola and FNRI-DOST were heartened by the significant improvements in the hemoglobin levels among iron-depleted children.

Coca-Cola concluded at the end of the study that NutriJuice increased the weight and height of both anemic and underweight children and reduced anemia prevalence among iron-depleted children.

These results led to Coca-Cola's decision to formally launch NutriJuice in July 2007, which was followed by the distribution of free NutriJuice to 5,000 schoolchildren in 17 schools for the entire 2008-2009 school year in Quirino province.

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Dealing with COPD before it deals with you

Text and photos
by Charles E. Buban



Sex education starts at home



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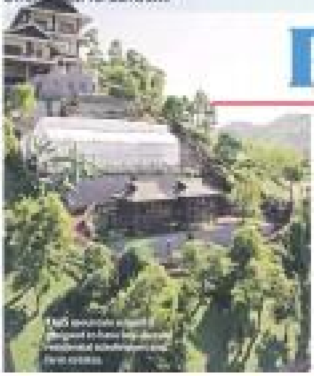
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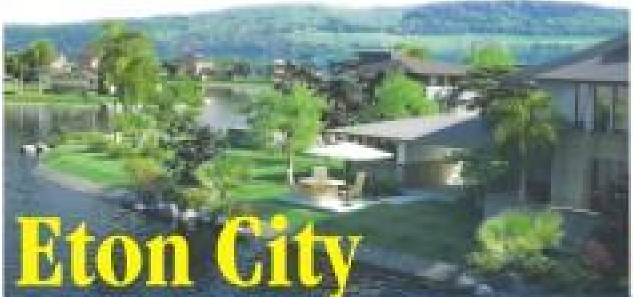
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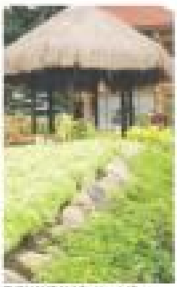
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THE MANDALA Residential Farm Estates, found within Timberland Heights, is an upscale farm estate.



RESIDENTS can take leisurely walks around the mountain suburb ... Timberland Rudolf Steiner School is set to open in 2008.

Residential farm estate

One Central an avant garde Makati address

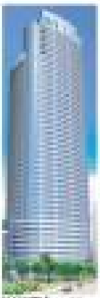


PERSPECTIVE of the open park at Bench Lake Village.



ARTIST'S rendition of the boardwalk that runs along the

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Forging an *Artist's Haven*



Named after the bountiful Biblical paradise which can turn everything into gold, Filinvest Legacy's Havila has the same intent of providing an enriching life for those who live inside the development.

In a place where huge papier mache effigies— "higantes" believed to be reincarnations of two national artists—walk muraled streets and children create masterpieces on canvas even before they can write their names, is it any surprise that Angono, Antipolo, Rizal (AAR) has been hailed as the Cradle of Philippine Art?

Only minutes away from the city, the peaceful town of Angono is home to some of the most influential figures in Philippine art. Foremost among them is National Artist Carlos Botong Francisco, who endeared himself to locals as a benign hippie while the rest of the world regarded him as one of the most gifted muralists of his time. Using the evocative force of line, shape and color, he was able to capture on canvas the grace, resilience and vivacity of the Filipino.

Unassuming yet authoritative, this proud Angono son is acknowledged as one of the pioneers of the Modern Art Movement in the Philippines.

After Botong Francisco, Angono birthed other artists which include Nemiranda, Jose Pitok Blanco and Perdigon Vocalan. The quiet town also served as the hometown of the politician-postmodernist Arturo Talentino and musician Lucio San Pedro, the eminent Filipino composer and UP professor emeritus and conductor of the outstanding Banda Angono.

Now, long after they walked the idyllic streets of Angono, a new generation of creative artists, known as the Neo-Angono Artists Collective serves to inspire young and emerging visual artists. They are the ones who preserve the continuity of this town's artistic heritage.

With three National Artists and an infinite number of burgeoning talents, there is no doubt that Angono is the Cradle of Philippine Art. While there are people who still consider it a mystery why this town has emerged as the country's haven for artists, The Filinvest Legacy Group has found the answer – right in Angono itself.

"Like everyone else, we thought that it was just a coincidence how all these artistic souls converged in Angono - that is until we visited the place itself," shares the Filinvest Legacy group. "At first sight, we understood how the ruggedly beautiful landscapes and sleepy fishing villages of Angono were able to inspire some of the most remarkable pieces of Philippine art."

The visionaries of Filinvest Legacy then set out to conceive a development that can foster the same spirit of creativity and inspiration, just like what Angono was able to do with its artists.

Today, Angono, Antipolo Rizal (AAR) is the setting for the verdant highland of Havila - a township of residential communities in the East whose art and nature inspired environment serves to enhance the lives of its residents. Named after the bountiful Biblical paradise which can turn everything into gold, Filinvest Legacy's Havila has the same intent of providing an enriching life for those who live inside the development.

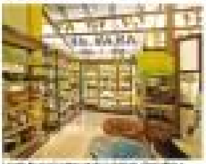
Surrounded by magnificent views including that of Laguna de Bay, enhanced by the CBDs of Fort Bonifacio, Makati and Ortigas that are within easy driving distance, the sprawling expanse of Havila can immediately cultivate creativity and artistry. This inspired environment is complemented with well-planned leisure and recreational amenities exclusive to the community residents; educational facilities and commercial establishments that provide lifestyle conveniences to residents; and a variety of activities that cultivate the thirst for knowledge and the arts.

As more and more people seek refuge amid this unique creative heritage and landscape, one thing remains certain. Inspiration and the freedom to create await at the artists' haven known as Havila. Who knows, this residential masterpiece might just produce the next set of Higantes to walk the streets of Angono.

Havila is a township under Filinvest Legacy that's only 12 kilometers east of the Ortigas Business District. For more information, you may call FLI at 856-7788 or contact Havila Sales Head, Ruby Rivera at 723-6515.



Masks that are prominently displayed in Balaw-Balaw Restaurant in Angono, Rizal, echo the artistic heritage of the area.



Lorelie Alcaraz's pottery studio in Antipolo, Rizal offers a different kind of artistic experience with her functional pieces.



With three National Artists and an infinite number of burgeoning talents, there is no doubt that Angono is the Cradle of Philippine Art.

Super LifeStyle

SUPER EXCLUSIVE Ultraelectromagnetic hangover



It's been a week since the concert but people are still not over the Eraserheads reunion. Everyone is still talking about it. In this Super (Ultraelectromagnetic) exclusive, we replay that crazy day, what really happened after, and show you what it was like through the eyes of sessionist Jazz Nicolas—and of course, the Eraserheads themselves. We feel your pulse guys!







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Head to 'Heads

Rock Ed Philippines head Gang Badoy talks to three of the Eraserheads a few days after the reunion concert

The author visited Ely at the Heart Center with Raymund and Buddy. Gang looks forward to Ely being up and about so she can have a conversation with him.

THE DRUMMER WILL DRUM: Raymund Marasigan







Head to 'Heads

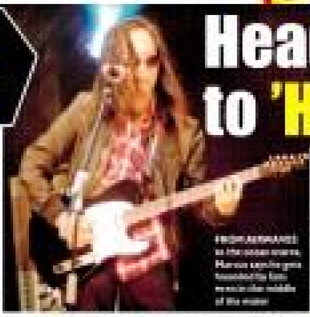
THE BASS MAN HOLDS THE LINE: Buddy Zabala



"THEN all of a sudden they say they're pulling the plug. How would you feel?"

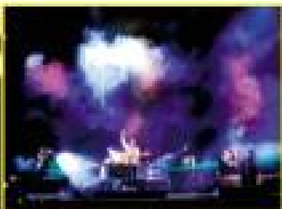
Head to 'Heads

THE GUITARIST HANGS LOOSE: Marcus Adoro



THE SESSIONIST: The fifth e-head





When Jazz Nicolas first heard about the E-heads reunion, his big concern was how to get tickets. He had no idea he'd end up onstage with them









Turning 'Brapanese'







OUT THE WINDOW

Tais Diaz

Japanese-Brazilian models have taken Manila by storm. So what's the history behind the cultural connection?

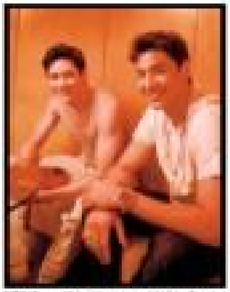
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More 'Brapan' imports we'd like to see:







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Singapore sizzles this September



THE UPCOMING FORMULA ONE[TM] Singapore Grand Prix is taking the spotlight in the world of sports this month, but there's more for the Lion City to showcase in the coming days.

Singapore Biennale

Date: Sept. 11 - Nov. 16

Venue: City Hall, South Beach and Marina Bay

Website: www.singaporebiennale.org

Organized by the National Arts Council, this mega contemporary visual arts exhibition is an assembly of the world's most exciting and outstanding works, local and international artists, curators, critics and academics. Now, in its second edition, the Biennale features the theme "Wonder" and is set to captivate and challenge our imagination with visually arresting works appearing along Singapore's unique cityscape.

Bulgari Collection

Date: Sept. 18 - 28

Venue: Paragon Shopping Centre atrium

Bulgari, the contemporary luxury brand, is organizing its second watch exhibition in Singapore from Sept. 18 to Sept. 28. The 10-day exhibition will highlight Bulgari's impressive novelties for 2008, particularly the Diagono collection which celebrates its 20th anniversary. With over 100 timepieces showcasing the brand's impeccable craftsmanship and skill in the luxury and complicated watch segment, the event will also unveil some unique and exclusive limited editions created for this occasion and never seen before in South East Asia.

Singapore River Festival

Date: Sept. 19 - 28

Venue: Singapore River

Website: visitsingapore.com

The Singapore River Festival will see the historic district dazzle with nightly festivities. Already a draw for tourists by day, many of whom visit for its inherent historical charm and landmarks, the Singapore River is also synonymous with waterfront alfresco dining, vibrant nightlife and exciting entertainment after sundown.

Diana Krall Live in Concert

Date: Sept. 26

Venue: Westin @ Keppel Bay

Website: www.[illegible].com

A multi-Grammy winner and the world's best selling female jazz artist, with over 15 million albums sold, Diana Krall kicks off her Asian Tour 2008 with the tickets expected to go as fast as Formula One[TM] cars. Don't miss this chanteuse's laid-back jazzy renditions of well-known classics and contemporary songs.

Singapore Motorshow

Date: Sept. 26 - Oct. 5

Venue: Suntec Singapore

Website: www.motorshow.com.sg

With lots of fast and furious action revving up on the horizon, this biennial event steps up to the occasion and brings in the world's latest and fanciest models that would stop at nothing to tempt everybody. Try going behind the wheel and while you may not be doing 300 mph, you would definitely feel the rush through your veins. And with its venue just an earshot from the racetracks, the show puts you right in the thick of the action!

Amber Lounge

Date: Sept. 27-28

Venue: Conrad Centennial Singapore

Website: www.amber-lounge.com

One of the world's most exclusive party organizers, Amber Lounge is synonymous to the celebrating action of the Formula One[TM] races. This premium event is where race drivers, team principals, team sponsors and international models congregate to wine, dine and party all-night long! Get up close and personal with Formula One[TM] VIP's and rub shoulders with celebrities from the worlds of entertainment, fashion, music and sports where the most amazing party hits Singapore with nightlife experiences created to thrill the senses.

There are more than 14 flights to choose from Manila to Singapore everyday. Book early so you won't miss the fun!

For more information about the Singapore Grand Prix, please log on to www.singaporegp.sg.

Race the route

F1 fans can score a free trip to Singapore

SO YOU'RE A RABID FAN OF F1 RACING, and you've been obsessively following the Singapore Grand Prix. While it's near-impossible to fly to Singapore in time for the race, with flights and hotels booked solid, you can still wing your way to the land of the Merlion. Here's how:

1. Super readers 18 years and above can join. All you need is a valid passport that will expire on Sept. 30, 2009 onwards.

2. From Aug. 16 to Sept. 27, three trivia questions about F1 and the Singapore Grand Prix Season will be published each week in the pages of Super. This week's questions are:

a. Name this world's famous jazz artist who will be having a concert during the Singapore Grand Prix Season?

b. How many wheels does a Formula One[TM] car have?

c. What is this famous festival that will be held during the Singapore Grand Prix Season on September 19-28?

3. E-mail your answers along with your complete name, address and contact numbers to singaporegp@ymail.com. All entries with the correct answers will automatically qualify for the Super Challenge.

4. On Sept. 27, we'll announce the names of the participants who qualify for the Super Challenge. Qualified participants will be asked to submit a short essay on the Grand Challenge question, "What makes Singapore a perfect F1 destination?" But don't go writing those essays yet, we'll get in touch with you first if you qualify!

5. The winner will get two round trip tickets to Singapore and a 4D/3N hotel accommodation for two. Prizes are valid from Nov. 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009, subject to flight and hotel availability. Prizes are transferable but non-convertible to cash.

Five other entries will win Singapore Tourism Board gift packs.

Answers to last week's questions:

1. When will the Singapore Grand Prix Season begin and end?

Answer: September 20 - October 5, 2008

2. What are the exact race dates of the 2008 F1 SingTel Singapore Grand Prix race?

Answer: Sept. 26 - 28, 2008

3. Name the venue of the 2008 F1 SingTel Singapore Grand Prix race.

Answer: Marina Bay Street Circuit.

Congratulations to those who answered all three questions! You qualify to the SUPER CHALLENGE where you will be asked to write an essay on the topic "What Makes Singapore a Perfect F1 Destination?"

Qualified participants will be announced in this section on Sept. 27.

For more info, go to www.visitsingapore.com.

2bU LIFESTYLE

Riding the Tiu-Tiu train

Corniness aside, Chris Tiu has become a god of some sort not just in Ateneo, but all around the country





By Bianca Consunji
2bU Correspondent

RIGHT NOW, ONE OF THE most frequently photographed spots in the Ateneo de Manila University is probably in Gate 1, right by the Blue Eagle Gym. There, larger-than-life standees of the entire Ateneo seniors basketball team hover over pedestrians and motorists, orange basketballs perched on their fingers.

However, more often than not, people stop to pose with only one standee: Chris Tiu's, to be specific. The 23-year-old super-singly-handedly raised female basketball fandom to stratospheric heights, and advertisers know it. After all, it's his cherubic mug that's selling thousands of Adidas jerseys (plus shampoo and skincare, among others) across the country. And don't forget the TV shows.

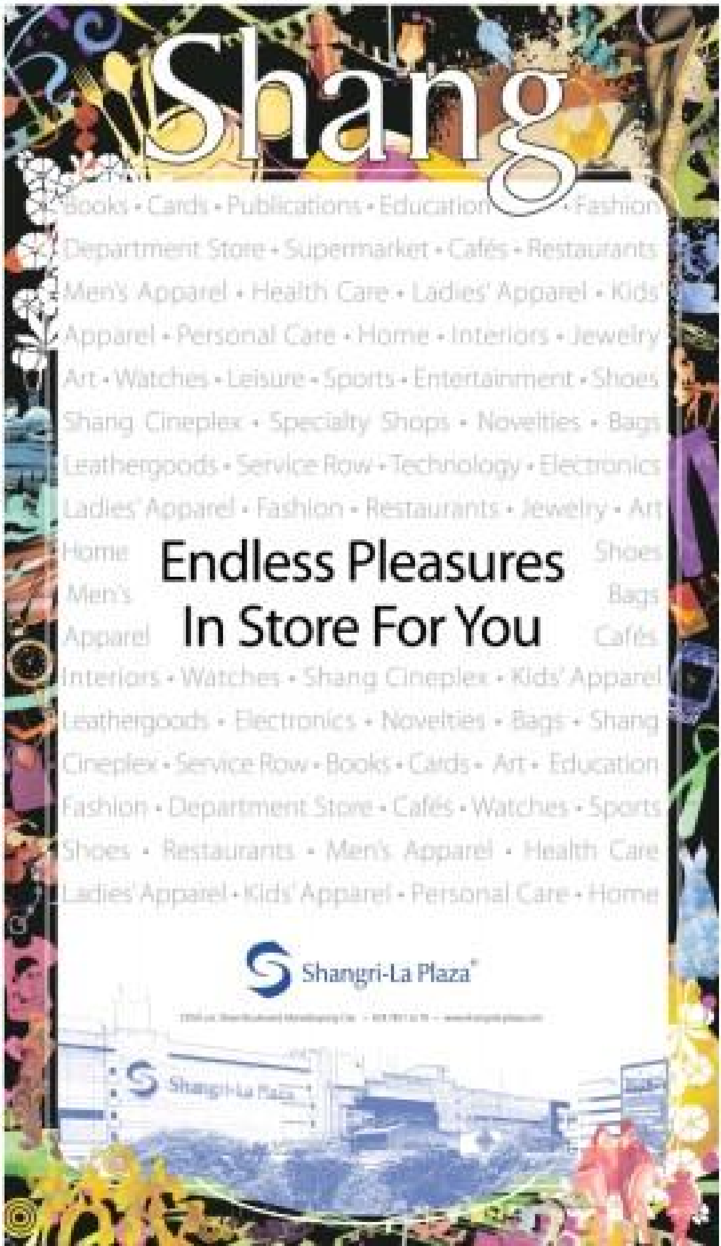
While basketball has always been a popular sport in the Philippines, even the most prolific players in the past couple of decades will be hard pressed to match Tiu's popularity. It's partly because Tiu has become the epitome of the so-called "perfect guy." Ask any bubbly teenager what she likes about Chris Tiu, and chances are she'll gush, "He's good-looking! And smart! And isn't he wholesome!"

The more cynical will remark, "He's too perfect, so there's probably a catch somewhere." However, aside from already

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ONE OF Chris Tiu's countless fans



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Mexican Food Festival at Mandarin Oriental

MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MANILA, in partnership with AeroMexico, Mandarin Oriental Riviera Maya, Mexico and Anchor Butter and in cooperation with the Embassy of Mexico, presents Viva Mexico, a two-week food festival at Paseo Uno. A duo of guest chefs, headed by chef Fernando Pulido from Mandarin Oriental, Riviera Maya present traditional and exotic dishes from the various regions of Mexico, from Sept. 15 to 28. While many food lovers in the Philippines are quite familiar with enchiladas, chorizo and tamales, chef Fernando introduces regional fare, infused with Mexican spices and ingredients. For two weeks during Paseo Uno's lunch and dinner buffets, the 31-year-old Mexican chef prepares classic, indigenous Mexican recipes with the country's trademark ingredients and spices. For P1,550 nett, diners will revel in discovering the varied and authentic flavors of Mexican cuisine. Chef Fernando is currently the Chef de Cuisine of Aguamarina, an oceanfront restaurant of the newest hotel of Mandarin Oriental in the Americas. For those who wish to bring home the flavors of Mexico, chef Fernando will conduct a special cooking class on Sept. 20 at 9:30 a.m. at The Tasik. The class is offered at P1,500 nett, and is inclusive of a four-course lunch that comprises the dishes that are featured in the class. For inquiries and reservations, call Paseo Uno at 750-8888 ext. 2411/2412.



ALFREDO Pack and chef Fernando Pulido

Chef's special at New Horizon Hotel

AFTER A LONG MORNING, SOMETIMES without warnings, our stomachs are grumbling! Always pressured by the time, we usually go to the fastest and the cheapest, neglecting the quality of the ingredients we are giving to our body even if it's harmful for our health.

Picasso's place at New Horizon Hotel is offering you a daily affordable and healthy meal for P295. One soup, one salad, one main course (choice of four dishes) and one desert for P295 only. The chef is constantly creating new dishes to make the Chef's Special unique, surprising and balanced.

Change your habits, and come over to degust the Beef Bourguignon, or the grilled fish fillet with lemon butter sauce, before enjoying the chocolate mousse or French apple pie.

The waiters will warmly welcome you in Picasso's place, and give you their best to transform your lunch in a feast.

For more inquiries and reservations, call 510-3921 or e-mail newhorizonhotel@gmail.com.

Shangri-la's Mactan Resort offers local residents package



SHANGRI-LA'S MACTAN RESORT and Spa, Cebu offers local residents a special room package for the whole month of September. Guests may enjoy accommodation starting at P6,500 per night, including daily buffet breakfast at Tides and 20 percent savings on total food and beverage bills in all restaurants and lounges: Tides, Tea of Spring, Acqua, Buko Bar, Beach Bar, Lobby Lounge, Cowrie Cove and Chill-out Bar.

Spa enthusiasts will enjoy additional 20 percent savings off selected experiences at CHI, The Spa at Shangri-La. Showcasing the time-honored therapies of the area, CHI, The Spa at Shangri-La's Mactan Resort and Spa, Cebu offers therapies such as the Sampaguita Sensation, a luxurious two-and-a-half-hour treatment consisting of a body scrub of finely ground panaic (local foodstuff plant) scented with crushed sampaguita flowers, followed by nourishing sampaguita body butter, then a Philippine hilot massage, as well as a Mango Papaya-Lime Body Polish, which can also be combined with a hilot massage.

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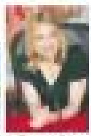
Riding the Tiu-Tiu train



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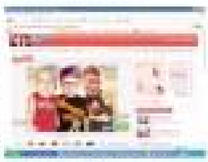






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"MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA." The wacky, wild bunch returns



SATURDAY Special

Bond's back,



CRAIG Reprises 007 role in "Quantum of Solace."

Hollywood does high school in fall lineup

LOS ANGELES—HARRY POTTER pulled a disappearing act from Hollywood's fall and holiday schedule—his sixth big-screen adventure got bumped from November into mid-summer. That leaves a little more room to roam at the box office for the likes of James Bond, a campy heartthrob, the "High School Musical" kids, and all those talking cartoon critters studios are about to unleash.

The season offers action (Bond's latest, "Quantum of Solace"), family fodder (the animated sequel, "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa"), fantasy romance (the best-seller adaptation, "Twilight"), and serious stuff lining up for the Academy Awards—from Nicole Kidman's epic, "Australia," to Bond star Daniel Craig's war saga, "Defiance."

Brad Pitt reunites with George Clooney and Cate Blanchett in two films. Click

BOND/E3





Alanis's latest album evinces strong sense of self-affirmation



Household name

Elements

Bond's back, Hollywood does high school . . .

Failed attempt



LEONARDO DiCaprio and Kate Winslet are reunited in "Revolutionary Road."

Payback

Odd romances



ZAC Efron, left, and Vanessa Hudgens "High School Musical 3."

Joan Page's autograph book

reveals treasure trove of stellar memories



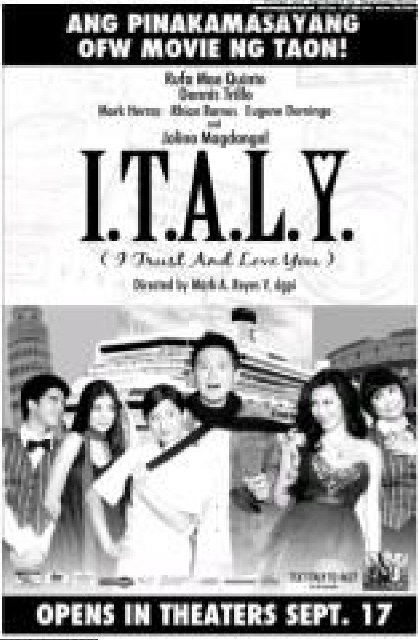
RODRIGUEZ: Drama queen.



DURAN: Topped the box office with Pancho Magalona.

Love teams

Legitimate stage



More animated features on viewers' wish list



POE: Portrayed the legendary character in a series of his films.

Greater stress

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Hallmark's . . .

'Ellen'

'The Bachelor: Rome'

'Ploning' to the Oscars

'The Alps'

Stargazing at Sta. Lucia

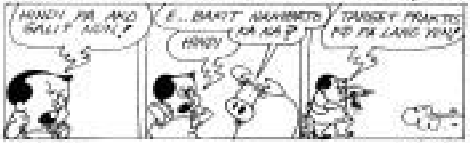








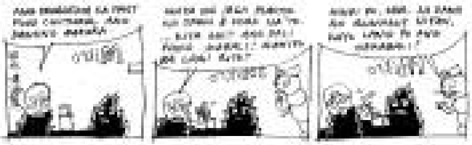


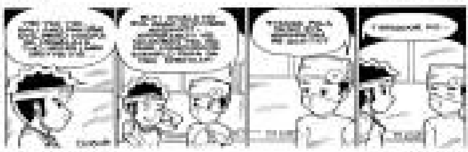


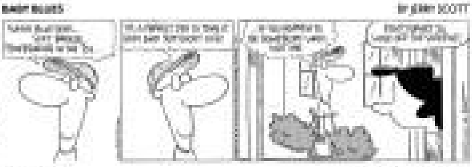






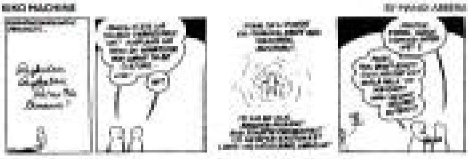


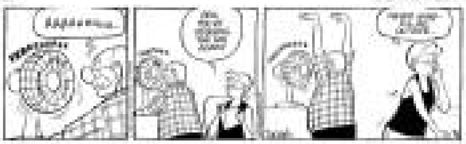




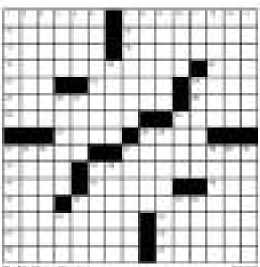


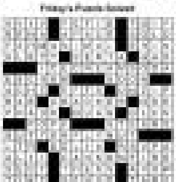






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CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

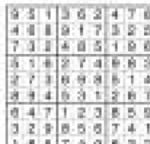
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle



‘Clone Wars’ revives ‘Star Wars’ fun

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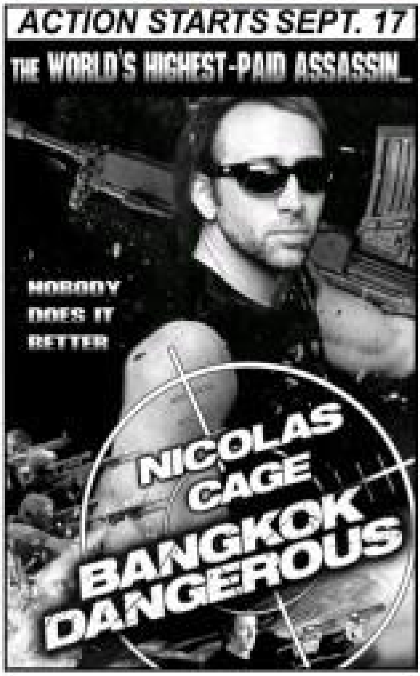
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Golden boy

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Richard attained stardom the hard way

By Remy M. Umerez

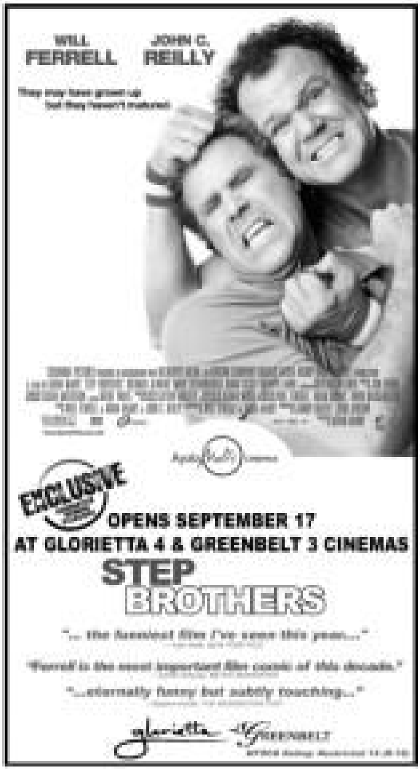
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Hard work

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GUTIERREZ. Dreams of winning an acting award someday.



Prahlad's story

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ECKHART Plays a married man who falls in love with a minor.

Aaron Eckhart tackles another provocative role in 'Towelhead'



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LOS ANGELES—CEMENTing his reputation as one of the best actors around, Aaron Eckhart does justice to another complex role in "Towelhead," the feature directorial debut of Alan Ball, who won an Oscar and a Golden Globe for his "American Beauty" screenplay and created HBO's acclaimed "Six Feet Under."

Based on Alicia Erian's well-received novel, "Towelhead" (a derogatory term for Muslims, Arabs, Sikhs and other groups who wear traditional headdresses) centers around Jasira, a 13-year-old Arab-American girl (Summer Bishil) coping with adolescence and her sexual awakening, which are complicated by problems of race and identity at a time when the US was involved in the first Gulf War.

New surroundings

When Jasira's American mother (Maria Bello) forces her to live with her strict Lebanese father (Peter Macdissi), she finds both comfort and cruelty in her new surroundings, where three people figure prominently in her confusing life: a married neighbor, Travis Vuoso (Eckhart), a black schoolmate (Eugene Jones) and a compassionate housewife, Melina (Toni Collette).

Aaron and Summer, who was 17 during [illegible] filming [illegible], effectively delineate a provocative but forbidden relationship, culminated by a sexual act that was delicately filmed by Ball. It takes a gutsy actor like Aaron to imbue the role of an unhappily married man who loses control and falls for a minor with humanity.

The star of such films as "No Reservations" and "Thank You For Smoking" recounted how he considered the role: "My agent proffered the script by saying that it was written by Alan Ball of 'Six Feet Under' and 'American Beauty.' She told me to read it with Alan's thoughts in mind. 'Alan had written a letter, prefacing what the film was going to be like, how he was going to deal with the sexual content.

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